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on. And that's true. But it looks like, to me, they're trying to use zoning laws to take us back to the smaller size, whatever that is, and a lot of this is relative, so that they do away the large operators, frankly, I'll just be honest, to allow then the smaller ones, and maybe medium sized...I'm going to use those terms, because I don't know what they exactly mean either, because they seem to be relative to the person talking. They're trying to use that to prohibit larger operations from coming in, thereby feeling that indirectly, that those that are left on the smaller scale can make it. And boy, I'd love to have that happen myself, but I don't think it is. Senator Chambers said himself that those days are gone. So if those days are gone, then what is the future for livestock production in rural Nebraska? If small-scale, medium-scale, family sized agriculture is gone in Nebraska, then what is the future? And I'd invite some comments on that. If small-scale, medium-scale livestock, family production of livestock in Nebraska is gone, per Senator Chambers, and I tend to agree with it, then what is the future? What is the future? What is the future in Nebraska's rural areas in livestock production? It's probably larger than most of us want. But I'll tell you, as I read...and I've got a pile of stuff. I should have brought it in today. Not thinking about it. But two 3,000-head finishing units were challenged in South Dakota. There's a 10,000-head feed yard that was authorized by the county board in, I think, Kearney County, near Minden. Now that's being challenged. Now, anyone in their right mind knows that you have to have a 10,000-head feed yard or larger to survive into the future. And there's lawsuits against that. I don't know what rural Nebraska wants, based on...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and I'm talking about the e-mails that I'm getting, opposed to LB 754. It boggles my mind. I don't know how we're going to return to the last 50 years. I agree. I agree. We can't. So where do we want to go? I want to know what those that are opposing LB 754 think we're headed to. Tell me. Tell me what you consider the optimum future we have, and then tell us...tell me how to get there. LB 754 is a reason to do that. Maybe it isn't the whole answer. But I'm so